Setting up of new telephone exchanges

752. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide more telephone exchanges in the country to clear pending waiting lists of cities and towns ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) the places where these exchanges are proposed to be set up including in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 3.94 lakh telephone connections are likely to be provided during 1989-90 by opening new exchanges and by expanding the existing ones wherever feasible. Circlewise/Districtwise details of expansion programme during 1989-90 are given in Annex. I. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 62 and 63].

(c) Expansion programme in respect of Assam Telecom. Circle for 1989-90 is given in Annex. II.

Setting up of telephone Sub-divisional Office

753. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the norms to establish a telephone Sub-divisional Office at a particular place ; and

(b) whether backwardness of the area is also taken into consideration for opening such an office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) The norms for establishing a telephone sub-divisional office at a particular place require that there should be at least one Exchange of more than 1,000 lines and above and a load of 4420 units on Class II Scale. The units are calculated for the Outdoor Plant, Indoor Plant and Trunk Plant in a place.

(b) No weightage is given for the backwardness of the Area. However, a weightage of 25% is given extra on the equipped capacity and working lines of the exchanges for difficult terrain i.e. terrain accepted as difficult by the Government of India.

Institutions conducting computer training in Hindi

754. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names and location of the institutions where computer training in Hindi is being conducted ;

(b) whether any difference has been found in learning the Computer training in English and in Hindi ; if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether a plan is underway to introduce the training to Indian students in their mother language ; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVE-